

District 1 Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026

Attendance: (In Person) David Y, Daniel S, Jerry C, John B, Kevin L, Lorraine J, Mary Jo G, Peggy K, Wil W
(Remotely) Carol W, Kenny G, Martha K, Peggy R,

Daniel S opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Mary Jo read Concept 9.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: **Lorraine J.** Shared flyers for upcoming events including District 36's August 15th Big Book Study and District 1's August 22 picnic.

Motion and **second** to approve June 15, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy** shared the Treasurer's report for period 6/16/26 to 7/20/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,532.06; no contributions/credits; Expenses (bank fees/website) \$31.93; and an ending balance of \$1,500.13.

Motion and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

DCM Report: **David Y** reported there was no Area 29 meeting. On May 1, 2026 AA World Services officially took ownership and oversight of the Everything AA mobile so it is now "Conference-approved." He has received a number of emails about budget shortfalls at the state and national level. He asked GSRs to share with their groups about the importance of contributing to these service entities.

Full Area 29 reports are always available at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

Alternate DCM Report: Brian B not present, no report.

SMIA Liaison Report: SMIA still needs a Treasurer and a Telephone Chair. Daniel S expressed an interest in serving as Telephone Chair. Work continues to gain access to the SMIA mailbox and bank accounts. Letters of authorization have been signed, and appointments with the Post Office and bank have been scheduled. Once complete, this should resolve the issues affecting the processing of group payments.

The subcommittee to develop fundraising guidelines has begun meeting and is seeking volunteers to assist with the effort.

No one reported on PI and Corrections and Treatment activities in Calvert. Those working with PI/C&T can submit updates to Shaara, who will report on those activities at the SMIA meeting.

The deadline for Lifeline submission is always the 27th of the month for the following month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Wil W reported there have been no requests for BTG assistance.

Events: Jerry C. reported that planning is on track for the August 22 District 1 Picnic and expects expenses to be comparable to last year's event. He asked Peggy R. to provide him the total spent last year. The picnic is a kid-friendly event; however, **no pets are permitted**. A Chili Cook-Off is planned for the fall.

Grapevine Committee: John B. reported that the July *Grapevine* theme is **Sober Travel**. The Book of the Month feature will be returning soon. He also noted that *Grapevine* is experiencing financial challenges and encouraged members to subscribe.

Institutions: **Kevin L/Peggy K** – Kevin L reported he is still looking for someone to cover the Men's meeting on the third Monday of the month. Peggy K reported ongoing challenges covering the women's meetings.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G reported that literature racks in Behavioral Health offices and local libraries continue to be restocked as needed.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 1341 since June 15, 2026, down 23%. There have been no significant web site updates and no meeting changes. Currently there are 50 meetings in Calvert (45 in person, 4 online only), 1 suspended (Sober by the Bay). Phishing attempts have decreased slightly. Do not open any suspicious emails or click on any links. Simply forward them to him so he can block them.

Corrections: Daniel reported the Detention Center will hold volunteer orientations on August 5, 12 and 19. You must pre-register with a link. He also noted that the Detention Center wants to include AA in the Men's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) classes every other Friday at 6 p.m. The current program began last Friday and will continue through mid-August.

Workshops: Will continue to support SMIA and other regional efforts.

Old Business:

1. David reminded group that Brian's term as Alternate DCM ends in October.
2. The recent increase in website expenses included payment of the annual fee for the domain name protection service.

New Business:

1. There was no new business.

GROUP REPORTS

Reminder: new GSRs should go to: marylandaa.org -> "Documents and Forms" -> GSR Change to register.

231 Group (Kenny G): No concerns were reported.

Awakenings (Wil W): Averaging 25 attendees. There will be a new GSR next month.

Beach Beacon: Needs GSR

Bedouin Group (Lorraine J): All four meetings are doing well.

Cove Point (Brian B): Not present, no report.

Daily Reflections: Needs GSR

Daily Reprieve Group (Jerry C): No concerns were reported.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Carol W): noted they have changed the format and are doing something different each week.

Grapevine (John B): – No concerns were reported.

Grateful Alive Group: Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny (Ken S): Not present, no report.

Happy Hour (Daniel S): No concerns were reported.

Harmony Group: Needs GSR.

Keeping It Green: Needs GSR.

Living Sober (Danielle M): Not present, no report.

Lusby Big Book: Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men's Meeting (Ken S): Not present, no report.

North Beach Group: Needs GSR.

Prince Frederick Big Book (Allan C): Not present, no report.

Saturday Morning Breakfast (Mary Jo G): They are filling the room. August 1 is the group's 15 yr. anniversary. On August 15, Michael O will celebrate 35 years.

Solomons: New GSR not present, no report.

Today Group (Danielle M): John B reported group is doing well, averaging over 20 attendees.

We Wuz Wurz Group (Ken S): Not present, no report.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.